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LAYER UTILIZING AN ANNEAL IN A HYDROGEN ENVIRONMEN

Date: May 14, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

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